IELTS Foundation Course
CRICOS COURSE CODE 089574D

Course Description
The program is not only designed to help the student to practise examination techniques, but it will also help them to develop the necessary skills required to achieve an optimal IELTS test score. The English for IELTS preparation classes emphasize the:

- Development of spoken fluency
- Reading skills – understanding complex texts; what is not directly stated
- Listening for main ideas, detail, particular information, essay writing
- Understanding question types
- Active participation in the learning environment

Course structure
The course is structured to maximise each student’s potential IELTS test band score. In order to achieve this, each aspect of the course focuses on a skill, component, or strategy relating to the IELTS test. The course focuses on the 4 main components of the IELTS test – speaking, listening, reading and writing. The course develops students’ abilities in each of these areas.

Entry Requirements
Students must be over 18 years of age at the commencement of course. Students must secure an appropriate visa that allows them to study in an Australian Registered Training organisation prior to course commencement.

English Language entry requirements
Students must demonstrate that they possess the appropriate level of English to enter each of the 3 course levels offered. Students must sit an FIC English Test. Based on the test results, students will be offered a place at Pre Intermediate, Intermediate or Upper Intermediate.

Academic Requirements
To gain entry to this course, students should have successfully completed year 12 or secondary studies in Applicants home country equivalent to an Australian Year 11* or 12 qualification. (*Subject to the country Assessment Level and course).

Course Duration
This course is offered full time over 12 weeks. This includes 12 weeks of term time and no holiday weeks. During term time students attend scheduled face to face classes for 20 hours per week. Study will be required to undertake additional independent study/ homework for approximately 5 hours per week.

Tuition Fee
Tuition Fees: $ 250* per week
Enrolment Fee: $350

Delivery Location
Training and assessment will take place at the Flinders International College Level 3, 608 St Kilda Road Melbourne, Victoria Australia 3004.
Delivery Method
The course is delivered via face to face training and distance learning. The following techniques are employed during face to face delivery depending on the subject matter: trainer demonstrations, discussions, speaking, listening, comprehension, reading and writing exercises, individual tasks, case studies, research, role plays, practical demonstrations and group work.

There are two integrated sections of this course that occur in four week cycles. The first section is the core section, covering the first 2 ½ hours, where all four parts of the test are studied in thematic context in the first three weeks. In the fourth week, there is the summative assessment test week. After two review days, students will undertake a mock IELTS test over a three-day period that includes trainer feedback about results. Students will then know what areas to focus on in the next four-week cycle.

The second section is the specific skills section, covering the final 1 ½ hours. Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking will be studied individually, along with academic vocabulary exercises. Formative assessment occurs 8 times (each of the four skills x 2).

Both sections include important overall IELTS skills such as: time management, critical thinking, becoming an autonomous learner, understanding how the test is marked, and self-awareness. Over the period of the course and with consistent practice, students will be able to master these skills.

Assessment Method
Assessment methods used include individual tests to assess students reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Pathways
Upon successful completion of the IELTS Foundation Course, students will be able to undertake other courses offered by Flinders International College.

Further information
Please contact the Training Manager on +61 3 9077 3420 or by e-mail at info@flinderscollege.edu.au or visit the campus at Level 3, 608 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Victoria 3004.